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GOVERNMENT APPROVES NEW DEGREE PROGRAMS AT MUC

NANAIMO – Malaspina University-College is adding to its course options with a new degree in hospitality management and a new major in philosophy, providing greater choice for students and meeting labour market demands, Nanaimo-Parksville MLA Ron Cantelon announced today.

"Our economy is thriving and more people are discovering Vancouver Island as a tourism destination," said Cantelon. "The bachelor of hospitality management degree will prepare Malaspina students for the growing number of careers right here in our community and around the world."

The new degree will train graduates for management-level positions in the hospitality and tourism industry, including work in resorts, hotels, restaurants, cruise ships, and arts, entertainment and recreation venues. Students in the current diploma program will have the option of continuing their studies towards a degree. Malaspina will also accept both domestic and international transfer students from other institutions.

"Government is committed to providing students with quality education like these new programs at Malaspina," said Advanced Education Minister Murray Coell, who approves all new degrees in B.C. "We are investing more than ever before in post-secondary education, ensuring students get the education they want, where they want it."

Malaspina's new bachelor of arts major in philosophy builds on a minor already offered. The university-college's Institute of Practical Philosophy will benefit from the major, allowing students to work with public and private institutions regarding issues around the environment, health care, science, justice, business and social policy.

"We believe in providing our students with high calibre programs that also meet the needs of our community," said Malaspina University-College president Ralph Nilson. "These new degree options will allow us to attract and retain the best and the brightest students to our institution."

Since 2003, over 150 new undergraduate and graduate degrees have been approved, including one master's degree and 12 bachelor's degrees at Malaspina. These new programs are helping to improve B.C.'s competitiveness and productivity.

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